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SUBJ: IRANIAN PROPOSAL FOR AMPHIBIOUS OPERATION DURING MIDLINK 75

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1. EMBOFF JULY 10 SAW IZADI, MFA'S CHIEF, PERSIAN GULF AFFAIRS, AS INSTRUCTED REF (A). GAVE HIM BACKGROUND ON MIDLINK PLANNING AND IIN'S PROPOSED AMPHIBIOUS OPERATION. VIEW DISTORTIONS BEIRUT AND OTHER ARAB PRESS HAD MADE OF REMARKS BY SECRETARIES OF STATE AND DEFENSE, IT SEEMED PROBABLE THAT SAME ARAB ELEMENTS WOULD SEEK TO GIVE SENSATIONAL TWIST TO IRANIAN BEACH LANDINGS IN CENTO EXERCISE CONTEXT, POSSIBLY TERMING THEM PRACTICE FOR JOINT SEIZURE OF GULF OIL FACILITIES. BECAUSE OF PUBLIC ATTENTION THAT COULD BE FOCUSED ON MIDLINK, AMPHIBIOUS OPERATION MIGHT ACQUIRE GREATER PROMINENCE. WE DID NOT THINK THAT WOULD SERVE EITHER US OR IRANIAN INTERESTS IN THIS REGION. PERHAPS AMPHIBIOUS OPERATION COULD BE RESCHEDULED BY IIN EITHER BEFORE OR AFTER MIDLINK SO AS TO AVOID
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ASSOCIATION WITH THAT LARGE-SCALE EXERCISE.

2. IZADI LISTENED SYMPATHETICALLY AND CONCLUDED THAT QTE WE SHOULD SEEK TO AVOID SITUATIONS LIKE THIS UNQTE. HE SAID HE WOULD REPORT AT ONCE TO FOREIGN MINISTER WHO WOULD PROBABLY REFER MATTER TO SHAH.

3. DO NOT BELIEVE WE NEED TAKE ANY FURTHER MEASURES. GOI WILL NOW DECIDE WHETHER OR OT TO MAINTAIN POSITION ON AMPHIBIOUS OPERATIONS. IF IIN INSISTS ON GOING AHEAD, BELIEVE WE SHOULD ARGUE THAT PUBLICITY SHOULD BE CAREFULLY LIMITED.
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